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SUBJECT: FY 75 IVP: (BANDARANAIKE, ANURA)

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1. WE HAVE FURTHER STREAMLINED BANDARANAIKE PROGRAM BY ELIMINATING INDIANAPOLIS AND NEW ORLEANS STOPS AND ADDING LITTLE ROCK. WE BELIEVE LITTLE ROCK OFFERS GOOD COMBINATION OF EXPOSURE TO SOUTHERN U.S. AND RURAL LIFE WHICH WERE SEPARATE OBJECTIVES IN TWO DELETED CITIES. THEIR ELIMINATION PROVIDES IMPORTANT LOOSENING OF AN OVERLY TAUT SCHEDULE ON EASTERN-U.S. SEGMENT OF TRIP. IN ADDITION LITTLE ROCK PROGRAM OF FY 74 IVP GRANTEE GAMANI DISSANAYAKE WAS PROBABLY MOST SUCCESSFUL WE HAVE HAD FOR RECENT CEYLONSE VISITOR.

2. WE ASSUME BANDARANAIKE IS COMING TO U.S. FROM LONDON AND SUGGEST HE ARRIVE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE MAY 23 SINCE HE WILL HAVE BUSY EVENING AT SRI LANKA REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS. IN ADDITION, WOULD CONSIDER ADDITION OF ONE DAY TO SCHEDULE (PROVIDING 22 DAY GRANT) WHICH WOULD ALLOW HIM TO SPEND ONE WORKING DAY IN LOS ANGELES IN ADDITION TO WEEKEND.

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3. WE ARE REVERSING ORDER OF INITIAL TWO STOPS SO THAT

BANDARANAIKE WILL BE IN NEW YORK MAY 26-29 AND BOSTON MAY 29-31. LITTLE ROCK WOULD BE SCHEDULED

JUNE 1-3.

4. FINALLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY GUIDANCE ON EXTENT AND NATURE OF PUBLICITY, PUBLIC ADDRESSES AND EXPOSURE TO MEDIA DESIRED BY BANDARANAIKE. OPTIONS INCLUDE FULL-SCALE ADDRESSES AT LUNCHEONS OR TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS OR UNIVERSITY GROUPS; INTERVIEWS WITH JOURNALISTS, IN GROUPS OR SINGLY; APPEARANCES ON LOCAL TV NEWS SHOWS; A PRE-TAPED TV INTERVIEW WITH NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION. SOME PUBLICITY OF MEETINGS AND GREETINGS PROBABLY WILL OCCUR IN ANY CASEBUT WE CAN GOVERN QUANTITY. INGERSOLL

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